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		Art Unit	1651	
		Examiner Name	Deborah K. Ware	
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

a.  Previously submitted

i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

i.  Amendment/Reply      iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii.  Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)      iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees**

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to

a.  Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

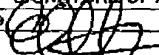
i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)      ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)      iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_      Date 04/30/2004      AWDNDAF1 00000015 09440340

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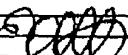
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# FEE TRANSMITTAL

## for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 385)

## Complete if Known

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## FEE CALCULATION

## 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee			
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee			
1003 530	2003 265	Plant filing fee			
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee			
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee			
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$0)					

## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
	-20** =		
Independent Claims	- 3** =		
Multiple Dependent			

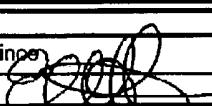
Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 10	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$0)		

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Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath			
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet			
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification			
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination			
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action			
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action			
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month			
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month			
1253 960	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month			
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month			
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month			
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal			
1402 330	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal			
1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing			
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding			
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable			
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional			
1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)			
1502 480	2502 240	Design issue fee			
1503 640	2503 320	Plant issue fee			
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner			
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)			
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt			
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patient assignment per property (times number of properties)			
1809 770	2809 385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))			
1810 770	2810 385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))			
1801 770	2801 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	385		
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application			
Other fee (specify) _____					
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Serial Number: 09/440,340

Application Filed: 15 November 1999

Applicant(s): Hince, et al.

Application Title: Primarily Organic Solid-Chemical Composition and  
Methods for Anaerobic Bioremediation

Examiner/GAU: Deborah K. Ware/1651

By Facsimile: 28 April 2004

At: Florida, New York

After-Final Amendment CAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Letter mailed 28 January 2004, please amend the above application as follows: